

REVIEW.

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*The meanest Prince in Christendome,
Would never stir a Mile from Home
To govern three such Nations.*

Hymn to Parl. 1698.

WE Talk much of our Affection to the House of Hanover, and the Succession of the House of Hanover; for my part, I must own, were I the Prince of Hanover, and in his present Circumstances, hang me if would quit the Condition he is in, to take the Crowns this Government, with the Condition these Crowns e in, and are like to be in.

As it was with King William, so it would be with m; the Prince of Orange was the happyest Man in e World, Rich, Honour'd, Valu'd by Friends and enemies, blef'd in every Thing that could render s Life comfortable and pleasant: After he was King of England, I am his Witness, that have heard him y, He never compleatly enjoy'd himself, nor indeed, can I say, he ever had a happy Hour; in War ver hazarding himself in the Field, in Peace, ever embarras'd with Faction, Discontent, and Popular murmurs; barbarous Assassinating Enemies, In-erful Friends, wretchedly Treated for the most enerous Labours, and Afronted upon all Occasions, y those he came to deliver.

If ever it be our good Fate to have the Elector of Hanover Reign here, will you venture to promise, you ill use him better? Or must he expect the same reatment? His Circumstances now are exactly the ings, in their degree: They offer him Loss, that etch him from that Heaven-upon-Earth which he now enjoys, to come to that Hell, of Faction and Strife, upon Earth, that he will find here; and which is sufficient to warn him to bid adieu to the Hours of Peace that are now his happy Portion.

Suppose him now upon the Throne, her Majesty being eliver'd from the hurries of this Trifle, the Govern-ment, to that Calm, and Crown, which allgood Sub-cts wish and pray may be her last Enjoyment; sup-ise, I say the Elector to be now King of Great Bri-tain, should we be one jot the Quieter? Either he

would keep in the present Ministry, or choose another Sett to rule by; either he would make the Peace, or carry on the War.

If he should choose a Whig Ministry, then comes out another High-Church Memorial, there he would be call'd Presbyterian, Foreigner, Dutch-Man, and I know not what; What, in that Case, could he do? If he should have the same Ministry, or choose any other High-Church Ministry, you would be all in a fright presently, you would cry Murther, and give him up for a Jacobite; then, perhaps, some Whig Poet might Print another FOREIGNERS upon him, and call him, rudely enough, (as Tutchin did on King William, and call'd him Sodomite.) If he made a Peace, you would fly in his Face, because the French King was left alive; so the above did by King William, because all the French Dominions posses'd by King Edward III. and Henry V. were not restor'd to England: If he carried on the War, then the Millions would be reckon'd up, spent to set a Dutch King on the Throne; and the carrying the Money out of the Nation would be charg'd on him, by which we were to be impoverish'd — In short, such is our present Case, such our Temper, that Dryden's Words were never more true of us than they are now;

*God's pamper'd People, who grown fat with Ease,
No God can govern, nor no King can please.*

Absal. & Achit.

From the Successor let us view the State of his Succession here: The very People whose Anxieties for the House of Hanover, and the Protestant Succession, ought to make us hope they are in earnest for securing it, yet are the People who alone take the directest Steps to Ruin it, that are possible to be contriv'd, and give me leave to say, all the Jacobite Projects and Party too, would never put a wise Man in fear for the Protestant Succession, were not the preposterous them-

Proceedings of its Friends, so eminently destructive to it.

Well has it been said of England, *she can never be Ruin'd but by her own Hands*; He that says the *Whigs* design to bring in the Pretender, is a Fool, or does it with a Design; but he that says the *Whigs* will lay themselves and the whole Nation open, so that the Pretender may break in upon them, says, what I fear, he will find too true.

An honest *Whig* perhaps may be very *Angry* with me, when I say, *the Whigs brought in the present Ministry*, but let them be as *Angry* as they will, I do say still, as I have often said before, had not the *Whigs* (*Old Whig*) join'd to make that last unhappy Breach, 1708, and divided their Interest *against the Old Ministry*, (*Modern Whig*) the Party which they call the *present Ministry*, had never found a gap to come in at; 'twas at that Breach the *Tory Interest* broke in like a Flood; by that Division, the *Old Ministry* were Overthrown, and so, EVENTUALLY, *the Whigs brought in the present Ministry*: And thus, Eventually, unless God in Mercy move their Hearts to some Temper and Moderation, and that very quickly; thus, I say, Eventually, will we ourselves, *We (Whigs) for is is not a time to conceal Names of Parties*, bring in the Pretender; nor let it surprize you, the Fact is so plain, that it needs very little Explanation; let no Man suggest, that I am painting out the *Whigs*, as joyning Hands with the *Jacobite Interest*; No, no, that is not the Thing.

But the Case is plain; the wretched Breaches and Divisions that are just now Reigning among us, is such, that the Pretender must have no Friends, no Interest, no Sense, if he does not come in, and if we go on, he must come in; perhaps a Railing Spirit will fly out at me, and say, I am Writing for the Pretender now, as they did, that I was Writing for a *War with the Dutch*, because, I said, it would be the Consequence; and they may do it with the same Reason; but let them do that as they please, I tell them plainly again, if Things GO ON, it will be impossible to prevent the Pretender: The House of Hanover can no more come in, plain Force excepted, as Things now stand, than the Moon can shine when the Sun is in the Meridian.

I shall begin with the Case of the *Whigs* and the *present Ministry*. Our great Cry now is, the *Ministry* are joining with *France*, and making Peace with *France*, and the Design therefore, is to bring in the Pretender: To make it appear Rational, that the *Ministry* will bring in the Pretender, we are fore'd to

lay down this General, as if it were a Principle a Maxim not to be deny'd, viz. If the Queen die, the *Ministry* know, they shall all be Ruin'd if *House of Hanover* comes in, and therefore they take care to keep him out to preserve themselves; I believe I need take no pains to prove, that this is the Foundation of the Argument; I wish all Impartial People would consider what they are doing, when they premise this, viz. No less than declaring open War between the *Protestant Successor* and the present *Ministry* — And if you will prove this Maxim to be true, I'll prove, that by the Law of Nature, and above all, by the Law of all the Men of Parties of every side among us, that the *Ministry*, when ever *Majesty* dies, ought to bring in the Pretender; It is in home Expression, and may startle you at first, but is as plain as the Sun, and I'll explain it to you.

Where is the Man among you, but throw him into the River, will drown his Father and his Mother, and in effect, all the World, to help himself out? low the *Ministry* then, to be *Flesh and Blood*, *Angels*, as some, or *Devils*, as others; but Men like Passions and Natural Principles as other Men, and do but once convince them, that the *Protestant Successor* will fall upon them as soon as he comes, and then tell me what Reason you can give, why they should join to bring him in, or why they should oppose him? Nay, why they should not bring in the Pretender, or the *Great Turk*, or any body, rather than the *Protestant Successor*? I speak now of *Nature*, as for *AMOR PATRIÆ*, I have read of such a Thing, *dulce est & decorum pro Patria Mori*, but it was in former Times when the Youth would ride a *Gallop* into the *Clefts of the Earth*, to save their Country, but the Jest is over now; *Whig* or *Tory* now, may e'en say one another, do you go first, and I'll follow: But I speak, I say, of the Natural Principles of Men and Parties, and in this, I say again, if you make it ascertain, that, when the *House of Hanover* shall come in, they shall be sure to depose and fall upon the *Ministers of State*, you cannot imagine the *Ministers of State* should do you that Service, as to bring them in so much at their own Expence.

Thus Ridiculously we act, that while we pretend to suspect the *Ministry* for being Enemies to the *Protestant Succession*, we ourselves go the only way to make them so, by taking upon us to declare the *Successors*, Enemies to them: O that the Men of Generation would consider a little before they ruin themselves and their Posterity, and leave Room for Deliverance!